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Other times may occur.

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Don't forget the picnic
June 21 Woodley Park, Van Nuys

The Editor

In the past we have discussed membership and in the enlightenment we find that many of our long time members have not paid their yearly dues. I have mentioned this before because it also controls our newsletter mailing list.

Membership Chairman Mel Hughes, K6SY has done a bang up job in locating past members. There seems to be a reason that some have decided to not re up. I have mentioned several in the May issue, but still no response. Dave has written a clear statement of the necessities of dues. We are a family of Hams who like talking to other Hams no matter where they might be. Some like to work them as fast and as long as they can to win a contest and some like to work QRP and fight the odds, It is all the same, we are a family and the price of admission is cheap. I hope that some of you might know some of the drop outs and maybe we can work together and build a bigger better club. So it is time to reinstate an old TV commercial..



WHERE'S THE BEEF!

Dave has written an article that sort of explains the problem. We are not alone in this. It seems that all clubs at one time or another have similar problems.

I am searching for members



TAXES

By Dave Bell, W6AQ



Why do we pay taxes? Stupid question, right? It's because the IRS will come and put us in jail if we don't.

But that's not the real reason we pay. The real reason we pay is to support the government of the USA. A lot of our tax money is wasted and spent on things we don't even like. But hey, as Sir Winston Churchill said, "Democracy is the worst form of government except all of the others that have been tried." So I don't complain, I just pay my taxes. Happily.

Sometimes taxes are called by other names. Sometimes they're called "dues" or "memberships" or "subscriptions" or "contributions."

Money changes hands to keep worthy organizations going because while they may be flawed, they're the best we've got, and without them, we run the risk of there being nothing.

You don't have to pay dues to the Southern California DX Club, but if you don't there would be no club. There would be no face to face camaraderie, there would be no place for new DXers to get the skinny, no summer picnic, no holiday dinner. There would be no International DX Convention.

If nobody subscribed to CQ, some of the best contests and most coveted awards would be no more.

If nobody donated to the Northern California DX Foundation there would be far fewer DXpeditions, and eventually, none.

If you don't belong to and support the ARRL, very soon there would be no ham radio. None at all.

None of the organizations listed above is perfect. Some less so than others.

Whenever an organization I'm a part of goes awry, I do whatever I can to get them going the way I want them to go. But I don't quit. One of my favorite quotes is "...quitters never win and winners never quit." I believe that. I also believe that the only sure things in life are "...death and taxes." I pay my taxes. Happily.

CQ ANNOUNCES 2008 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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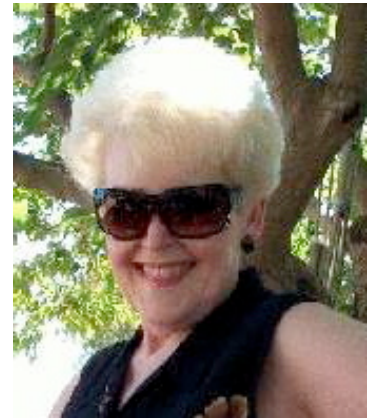
CONTEST HALL OF FAME

Paolo Cortese, I2UIY -Nel -
Randy Thompson, K5ZD

Peter Von Hagen, WA6HXM, called me this morning. He has just received word from the US Embassy in France that his youngest daughter, Kim Von Hagen, died while attending the Cannes Film Festival. The details of her death have not been released by the French authorities. Kim was 33 and employed in the motion picture industry. Services will be held at Forest Lawn in Glendale but the time and date are pending, awaiting the return of Kim's body to the United States. Peter's address is 32426 Conqueror Drive Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 His cell phone is 310-989-8572
Peter was a long time member, now former member, of the SCDXC, Mel

FROM THE PREZ

Sharon Spring, K6IRD



The bands have been quiet, conditions not so good, and Dxing has been hit or miss. This extra time away from the radio has a lot of hams fixing, tuning, or upgrading their equipment. I keep hanging on to every verbal or written statement that says, “conditions are going to get better.” I know that I am sure looking forward to that time.

A lot of the airways were quieter recently due to thousands of hams attending the Dayton Hamvention. This was my first year to attend. I finally got to see and experience all the things that Wayne had told me about following his return from Dayton for the past many years. And what a real delight it was to see Jeff Wolf-K6JW and Dave Bell-W6AQ. Jim Shryne-N6DHz was there also, but his was all work and no play. He was working the ICOM booth. I also saw Dick Norton-N6AA. He was helping out in the ARRL booth.

I had no real concept of the size of this convention. It is enormous. Only the desire to find that rare or needed item in the flea market, or looking at all the new and/or available equipment inside, kept most everyone on their feet. I mean the walking was more than most do in one month. But, the rewards of being part of this annual event and seeing friends, makes it all worthwhile. I know I will be there again next year “god willing and the creek don’t rise,” as Tennessee Ernie Ford used to say.

Don’t forget that there will NOT be a general meeting this month because of our annual picnic. The picnic will be June 21 at Woodley Park. If you need directions, check out the SCDXC website. Another reminder is the Summer Bash will be August 24 at the “IRD’s” home. More information will also be posted on the club website.

Until next time, I wish you all a good life and great Dxing!
73 and 88’s



Dayton pictures from Bill Kendrick, N6RV



NEXT SOLAR STORM CYCLE WILL START LATE

Experts Split Over Intensity

The next 11-year cycle of solar storms will most likely start next March and peak in late 2011 or mid-2012 – up to a year later than expected – according to a forecast issued today by NOAA's Space Environment Center in coordination with an international panel of solar experts.

Expected to start last fall, the delayed onset of Solar Cycle 24 stymied the panel and left them evenly split on whether a weak or strong period of solar storms lies ahead, but neither group predicts a record-breaker. The Space Environment Center led the prediction panel and issued the forecast at its annual Space Weather Workshop in Boulder. NASA sponsored the panel.

"The Space Environment Center's space weather alerts, warnings, and forecasts are a critical component of NOAA's seamless stewardship of the Earth's total environment, from the Sun to the sea," said retired Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator.

During an active solar period, violent eruptions occur more often on the Sun. Solar flares and vast explosions, known as coronal mass ejections, shoot energetic photons and highly charged matter toward Earth, jolting the planet's ionosphere and geomagnetic field, potentially affecting power grids, critical military and airline communications, satellites, Global Positioning System signals, and even threatening astronauts with harmful radiation. These same storms illuminate night skies with brilliant sheets of red and green known as auroras, or the northern or southern lights.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects. The National Science Foundation sponsors the annual Space Weather Workshop.

###You can learn more, click on the URL below.

On the Web: NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov> <<http://www.noaa.gov/>>

NOAA's Space Environment Center: <http://www.sec.noaa.gov>



FYI

From CQ

CQWW VHF	July	3rd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW RTTY DX	Sept	4th full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >
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IOTA NEWS

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

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Spratly (N1UR) <<http://www.n1usspratly.com>>
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Rwanda (9XØR) <<http://www.9x0r.com>>
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Palestine (E4) <<http://www.om2dx.com/e4.html>>
Clipperton Isl (TX5C) <<http://www.clipperton2008.org/>>
Glorioso-FR/G <<http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/>>
Swan Island (HQ8R) <<http://www.hondurasdx.com>>
Cocos Island (TI9KK) <<http://www.ti9.eu.com>>
Ducie Island (VP6DX) <<http://ducie2008.dl1mgb.com/>>
Marion Island (ZS8) <<http://zs8t.net/>>

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UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

June 28, 29 Field Day

Jun 13 - 14 HamCom 2008, Dallas, TX

Jun 27 - 29 Friedrichshafen, Germany

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Skip, KJ6Y

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Follow it around to the right to the third house on the right.
Look for the towers and antennas.
Park down the street.

Conversation: W6EMC

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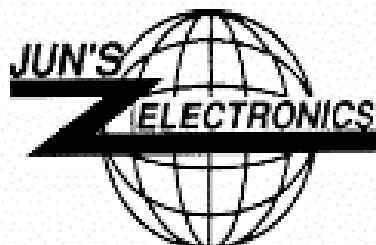
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